

# HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 184

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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Laura Norton Young,  
on her selection as Teacher of the Year at  
Algood School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Laura Young is one such estimable educator who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Young has recently been selected as Teacher of the Year at Algood School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher, as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, Laura Young received both her bachelor's and master's degrees from Tennessee Technological University, where she excelled in her academic studies; and

WHEREAS, she has served with acumen and alacrity as a seventh grade Language Arts teacher since August of 2002; prior to teaching at Algood, Ms. Young taught at Avery Trace Middle School for five years, for a total of ten exemplary years in the teaching profession; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Young is a member of a number of worthy organizations, including; the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the National Council of Teachers of English, Phi Delta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, both the Tennessee and the International Reading Association, and she is a committee member for the Heartland Award for Excellence in Young Adult Literature; and

WHEREAS, Laura Young has lent her time and professional talents to numerous leadership activities; she served as a presenter at the Putnam County School System-Wide Professional Development Day in 2006, and she also provides classroom time, resources, and

guidance to Putnam County teachers interested in implementing workshop procedures in their classrooms; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Young has chaired the Language Arts Vertical Team Meetings for Putnam County schools, as well as Algood School, and has hosted numerous practicum students and student teachers through Tennessee Tech University's College of Education; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to accolades, Ms. Young has received distinguished awards and recognitions throughout her tenure as a teacher, including being nominated for *Who's Who in Teaching*; and

WHEREAS, Laura Young is also notable for her tireless commitment to community service; she has organized a plethora of fundraising events and service projects to benefit many worthwhile organizations, such as the American Cancer Society, Lazarus House Hospice, St. Jude Children's Hospital, Putnam County Animal Shelter, Toys for Tots, Relay for Life, Algood Sheriff's Department Christmas Drive, and Master's Health Care; and

WHEREAS, always willing to give of her time beyond the normal class day, Ms. Young developed the Media Club at Algood, and serves as a member of the Cookeville High School Baseball Booster Club, and the Algood and Cookeville Parent Teacher Organizations; and

WHEREAS, Laura Young is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Young truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Young truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE

CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Laura Norton Young on her selection as Teacher of the Year at Algood School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.